8. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically dialing the spoken number is performed in response to user input.

10. (Once Amended) A method of processing a voice message, the method comprising:

(a) performing voice recognition on at least a portion of the voice message to detect a spoken number in the voice message;

(b) determining that the spoken number is a telephone number; and

(c) automatically dialing the detected spoken number.

13. (Once Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

(a) a memory within which is resident a voice message; and

(b) a program resident in the memory and configured to perform voice recognition on at least a portion of the voice message to generate a textual representation of the voice message, to detect a position of a spoken number in the textual representation of the voice message, to determine a playback start position based upon the position of the spoken number, and to play the voice message starting at the playback start position, wherein the program is further configured to receive user input to find a next number from a current playback position in the voice message, and wherein the program is configured to detect the position of the spoken number by detecting an immediately succeeding spoken number from the current playback position.

22. (Once Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

(a) a memory within which is resident a voice message; and

(b) a program resident in the memory and configured to perform voice recognition on at least a portion of the voice message to detect a spoken number

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in the voice message, to detect whether the spoken number is a telephone number, and to automatically dial the detected spoken number.

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25. (Once Amended) A program product, comprising:

(a) a program configured to perform voice recognition on at least a portion of a voice message to generate a textual representation of the voice message, the program further configured to detect a position of a spoken number in the textual representation of the voice message, to determine a playback start position based upon the position of the spoken number, to detect whether the spoken number is a telephone number, and to play the voice message starting at the playback start position; and

(b) a signal bearing medium bearing the program.

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27. (Once Amended) A program product, comprising:

(a) a program configured to perform voice recognition on at least a portion of a voice message to detect a spoken number in the voice message, to detect whether the spoken number is a telephone number, and to automatically dial the detected spoken number; and

(b) a signal bearing medium bearing the program.

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001, within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, claims 1-6, 9, 13-18, 21, and 25-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,073,103 to Dunn et al. and claims 10-12, 22-24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,651,056 to Eting et al. Additionally, claims 7-8, and 19-

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